

REMARKS

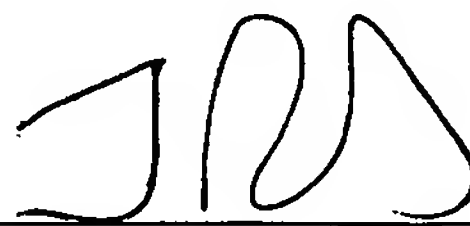
In the action dated December 5, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, 16 and 17, drawn to a method of obtaining transformable callus tissue comprising germinating a mature seed in tissue culture media, classified in class 800, subclass 278, for example.
- II. Claims 9-14, drawn to a method of obtaining transformable callus tissue comprising germinating a zygotic embryo in tissue culture, classified in class 435, subclass 430.1, for example.
- III. Claim 15, drawn to a method of transforming monocotyledonous plants comprising germinating a zygotic embryo from a monocotyledonous plant in tissue culture and isolating a nodal section, classified in class 800, subclass 278, for example.

Applicants elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-8, 16 and 17 with traverse and respectfully request that the application be examined on the merits. Applicants believe that it would not create an undue burden on the Examiner to conduct a search encompassing all of the claims. Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to further prosecute non-elected groups.

Should any questions arise or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate the examination of this application, it is respectfully requested that the PTO contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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